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RESPONSE TO JANUARY 6, 2009 FINAL OFFICE ACTION IN U.S. PATENT APPLICATION NO. 10/561,548; REQUEST FOR CONTINUED PROSECUTION UNDER 37 CFR 1.114; AND PETITION FOR ONE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136

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Sir

This responds to the January 6, 2009 Final Office Action in the above-identified application. The deadline set for response to the January 6, 2009 Office Action was April 6, 2009.

Petition hereby is made under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 for a one month extension of time, to extend the term for reply to the Office Action, to May 6, 2009. The fee of \$130 specified in 37 CFR 1.17(a)(1) for such one month extension of time is being paid by on-line credit card authorization at the time of EFS filing of this Response.

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.114 is submitted concurrently herewith. The fee of \$810 specified in 37 CFR 1.17(e) for such RCE is also being paid by on-line credit card authorization at the time of filing of this Response and accompanying RCE.

New claims 29-31 have been added herein, for which an added claims fee of \$156 (3 claims x \$52/claim) is payable. Such added claims fee is being paid by on-line credit card authorization at the time of EFS filing of this Response.

Authorization is further hereby given to charge the amount of any additional fee or charge properly payable for the filing of this Response and the accompanying RCE, to Deposit Account No. 08-3284 of Intellectual Property/Technology Law.

Please amend the claims of the above-identified patent application as set out in **Section I**(Amendments to the Claims) hereof.

Remarks concerning the amendments to the claims and the substance of the January 6, 2009 Office Action are set out in Section II (Remarks) hereof.